



STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING

July 6, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Eric Ford, Chair
Dr. Shameka Stanford, Vice Chair
Kara Aanenson
Kirsten Andersen
Diana Barney
Heather Chapman
Sgt. Kathy Estrada
Anne-Marie Hansen-Combs
Lynette Holmes
Meredith Miller
Dr. Liz Park
Janelle Riddick
Heidi Rochon
Joseph Rossow
Kimberly Sauer
Dr. Jonathan Shepherd
Darren Stephenson

Guests

John Burton, Youth Member Candidate
Naomi Evans, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Cameron Miles, Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood

Staff

Bill Harper
William Jernigan
Chris Miele
Jessica Wheeler

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Ford called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Ford directed those present to the consent agenda that was provided prior to the meeting and noted the items therein: the May 2020 minutes, and Subcommittee Reports. Ms. Sauer made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Ms. Aanenson seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the consent agenda was approved without objection or modification.

III. SAG Membership Updates

Mr. Ford provided the group with an accounting of recent membership and welcomed new appointments to the SAG including Shannon McFadden who will serve as a representative of a nonprofit organization with a special focus on quality of juvenile justice, Joseph Rossow, a representative of a nonprofit organization with a special focus in youth development, and Michelle Farr, a representative of a public agency concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment such as social services.

Reappointments include, Kara Aanenson, Heidi Rochon, Sgt. Kathy Estrada, Dr. Jonathan Shepherd, Meredith Miller, and Kirsten Andersen.

Pending appointments include Dr. Shobhit Negi, a representative of a public agency concerned with services for youth with disabilities and John Burton, youth member candidate.

Mr. Ford took the opportunity to recognize several members of the State Advisory Group whose terms expired on July 1 of this year. Members were presented with Governor's Citations for their dedication to the SAG:

- Heather Chapman was recognized as the outgoing SAG chair and her service since 2014 was recognized by Mr. Ford. Having completed 2 terms effective June 30th and now Vice President of the United Way Ben Centers, during her time as the SAG chair Heather has overseen a number of milestones including the SAG hosting the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's 2018 DMC National Conference, a Title II Training for subrecipients which included the infusion of trauma-informed practices, and she is also a member of the Juvenile Justice Reform Council. Her leadership and service to the citizens of Maryland is to be commended and she will be missed!
- Mr. Ford announced that Dr. Shameka Stanford was recently appointed to the SAG vice chair position. As the Admissions Director of the Communication Sciences & Disorders Department and Faculty at Howard University, Dr. Stanford was appointed to a remainder term in February of this year as a member with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion, and has participated in all meetings and events since expressing interest. Her specializations in Juvenile Forensic Speech-Language Pathology, and the Impact and Confluence of cognitive-communicative disorders on academic success, criminal thinking and behavior, and criminal recidivism in at-risk

minority youth make her an excellent addition to the State Advisory Group. Welcome Dr. Stanford!

- Outgoing members were recognized:
 - Gavin Patashnick has been a member of the State Advisory Group since 2014. He has served as a member of the DMC (now RED) subcommittee and has also helped develop and lead the SAG's Legislative Subcommittee.
 - Melanie Shapiro has also been a member of the State Advisory Group since 2014, served on the DMC Subcommittee, and provided input to help shape the State Advisory Group's goals and objectives in the three-year plan. Melanie has also served on the Legislative Subcommittee.
 - Samantha Wiggins has served as a youth member since 2014. She has served on the Youth Engagement Subcommittee and been a leader in efforts to formalize youth engagement on the SAG. She contributed to the stipend policy to allow youth SAG members to receive \$25 for every meeting attended.
 - Jennifer Winter has served on the SAG since 2017. In this time, Jennifer has been actively engaged in advocating for youth and parents who have experienced the system. Jennifer's input has helped to solidify the importance of lived experience on the SAG.

Members were thanked for their service and the SAG looks forward to continued collaborative efforts to improve outcomes for children and youth in Maryland.

IV. Presentation - Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood

The Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood's Academic, Enrichment, and Mentoring program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Baltimore City. The program helps at-risk male youth prepare for college, careers, and living a productive and healthy lifestyle, therefore preventing these youth from engaging in criminal activity. Title II (JJAC) funds provide for personnel and educational supplies. Mr. Cameron Miles, Director of Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood at the New Shiloh Family Life Center in Baltimore City, provided members with an overview of the program and shared successes and challenges. Mr. Miles welcomed and encouraged SAG members to visit his program at 2100 N. Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21217, 410-852-8013, www.mentoringmaleteens.org.

V. Coalition for Juvenile Justice Updates

Ms. Naomi Evans, Executive Director of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, (CJJ) provided members with an overview of her agency, its role in supporting SAGs, and updates regarding COVID-19. CJJ is working to help states and communities navigate emergency responses and remains focused on supporting youth releases from placements and detention. The role of law enforcement during the pandemic and reduced referral / arrest rates are being examined to determine possible impacts to future policymaking.

Ms. Evans described CJJ member benefits including representation at the federal level, training and technical assistance, monthly webinars, individual consultation, the CJJ Youth Summit, the Annual Conference, and the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) conference. The November 2020 CJJ

conference will be held virtually and is slated to use various platforms to ensure meaningful engagement and participation, with a strong emphasis on RED.

VI. SAG 3-year plan update

Ms. Wheeler advised that the Office is gathering data and information to provide a summary that will be available at the next meeting. This will include a summary of awards and outcomes from FY18-FY20, and their impact on the SAG's four focus areas.

VII. Youth Diversion Toolkit Update

Membership has attended recent calls and some are now responsible for populating sections of the document. During the meeting, Mr. Jernigan shared information regarding the purpose for this resource as it would allow for the inception of and sustainability of diversion programming efforts in Maryland. Additionally, the Youth Diversion Toolkit will have a Racial and Ethnic Disparities lens to illustrate to stakeholders how efficient diversion can contribute to reducing disparities with our juvenile justice system, a core requirement of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act. Mr. Ford expressed to members that there is a sense of urgency toward developing this resource because those who can benefit from the toolkit will be directly impacted. The goal is to observe due diligence but there is a true need to get the toolkit completed and released. The members of the Youth Diversion Toolkit committee are working to finish a draft by December 2020.

VIII. Old / New Business

- A. *FY21 Application Review* - The application review process is still underway. Members were asked to convene a small workgroup to finalize the funding recommendations.
- B. *New Member Orientation* - This has been scheduled for July 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm. All new members and those who have not yet completed the orientation are encouraged to attend.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

September 14, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<https://meet.google.com/ohp-ypne-ssu>

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